

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2020

BOARD MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 3rd day of February 2020 at 9:00 A. M., and being the time designated by law for the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the said board meeting was held as provided by Chapter, 3, Title 19 of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The Board met in their room at the Washington County Courthouse in Greenville, Mississippi, at the time designated for the purpose of transacting such business as might properly come before it; there being present the following:

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| Lee Gordon | Member, First District, Vice President |
| Tommy Benson | Member, Second District |
| Carl McGee | Member, Third District, President |
| Mala Brooks | Member, Fourth District |
| Jerry Redmond | Member, Fifth District |
| Willie Griffin | Board Attorney |
| Chelesa Carter | County Administrator |
| IMS Engineers | County Engineer |
| Marilyn Hansell | Chancery Clerk |
| Milton Gaston | Sheriff |
| Percy Miles | Deputy Sheriff |

The meeting was called to order by President Carl McGee. The opening prayer was by Supervisor Jerry Redmond. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the meeting was officially opened by the Deputy Sheriff.

IN RE: ORDER TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH ADDITIONS FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON , SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND , ALL VOTED AYE. (1)

ADDED: Malcom Jackson, Mary Wells Davis, Harold Gordon

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (2)

DAVID BURFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR PRESENTED THE E-911 MONTHLY EXPENDITURES REPORT

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE E-911 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,233.60 AS PRESENTED BY DAVID

BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (3)

TOMMY AVANT, IMS COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSED ON VARIOUS ROAD/BRIDGE PROJECTS

ARTHUR PERRY, ROAD MANAGER, PRESENTED HIS BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER SETTING ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (4)

DONNA CREMEEN, PLANNING DEPARTMENT PRESENTED THE JANUARY REPORT

ELOISE BROOKS, JUSTICE COURT CLERK PRESENTED HER JANUARY REPORT

TERRY GALES, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER PRESENTED HIS JANUARY ACTIVITY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER, TERRY GALES' ANNUAL DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (5)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER, TERRY GALES TO HOST VETERAN'S TOWN HALL MEETING AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, FEBRUARY 27, 2020, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (6)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER, TERRY TO ATTEND VETERAN'S SERVICES OFFICER TRAINING APRIL 14-17, 2020 IN BILOXI, MS, ESTIMATED COST OF \$850.41 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (7)

LAUR R. MOORE, COUNTY PATROL OFFICER PRESENTED HER JANUARY REPORT

DON DAVIS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR PRESENTED HIS BI-WEEKLY REPORT, DISCUSSED JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER CAMERAS

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO DOENWD CAMERA AT THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (8)

MAYOR ERRICK SIMMONS REQUESTING PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY AND USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY POLL WORKERS AND RELATED EXPENSES FOR THE MARCH 10, 2020 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY AND ANY SUBSEQUENT RUN-OFF MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (9)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF MAYOR ERRICK SIMMONS TO HOST THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, FEBRUARY 26, 2020, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (10)

LAVERNE SIMPSON REQUESTING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION BY THE AKA SORORITY, INC., FOR AN AKA FOUNDERS DAY EVENT, MARCH 8, 2020, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON ALL VOTED AYE. (11)

FRANK DANTONE REQUESTING PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION FOR THE WILD TURKEY FEDERATION BANQUET, FEBRUARY 7, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (12)

JASMINE CHILLIS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE HOLLANDALE EVENT CENTER

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE HOLLANDALE EVENT CENTER, APRIL 18, 2020 FOR WEDDING AND RECEPTION, AS REQUESTED BY JASMINE CHILLIS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (13)

CORONER METHEL JOHNSON REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNIFORMS, ETC.

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 TO CORONER METHEL JOHNSON FOR THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORM MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (14)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING FEE INCREASE FROM \$125 TO \$175 FOR CORONER, METHEL JOHNSON AND DEPUTY CORONER, CHARLES BELL MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (15)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING SALARY INCREASE FROM \$900 TO \$1250 FOR CORONER, METHEL JOHNSON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (16)

IN RE: ORDER TAKING UNDER ADVISEMENT THE REQUEST OF CORONER, METHEL JOHNSON TO EMPLOY AN ADDITIONAL DEPUTY CORONER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (17)

BIDS:

BE IT KNOWN: THERE WERE NO BIDS SUBMITTED FOR THE AGRICULTURAL LEASE OF APPROX. 199.50 ACRES

IN RE: ORDER TAKING UNDER ADVISEMENT THE BIDS FOR COUNTY DEPOSITORIES, PUBLICATION OF BOARD MINUTES AND TRANSPORTATION OF COMPOSED/ DECOMPOSED BODIES MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (18)

ATTORNEY SCOTT PHILLIPS REQUESTING APPROVAL OF DRMC SALE OF 1.5 ACRES

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING DELTA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER SALE OF 1.5 ACRES TO TWIN COUNTY ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAME MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (19)

BE IT KNOWN: MALCOM JACKSON APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD WITH CONCERNS REGARDING THE COUNTY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH MINORITIES

IN RE: ORDER TAKING UNDER ADVISEMENT THE REQUEST OF COREY DEWITT TO SWITCH FROM CENTRAL BIDDING TO PH BIDDING FOR ONLINE BIDS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (20)

MARY WELLS DAVIS REQUESTING USE OF THE WCCC

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER BY THE CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, MARCH 27, 2020, AT NO FEE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE (21)

BE IT KNOWN: HAROLD DAVIS REQUESTING REEMPLOYMENT AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT, NO ACTION TAKEN

CHELESA CARTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING CLAIMS 144947 THROUGH 145134 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$772,954.73 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (22)

MONTHLY CLAIMS

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO COVER BI-WEEKLY PAYROLLS AND MONTHLY PAYROLLS FOR FEBRUARY 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (23)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS TO MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC ENTITY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST AND HIGHMARK LIFE INSURANCE FOR COUNTY'S SHARE OF INSURANCE IN FEBRUARY 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (24)

IN RE: ORDER TRANSFERRING ONE-HALF OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTY IN FEBRUARY 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (25)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (26)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CHANCERY CLERK TO ISSUE WARRANTS FOR RENTAL OF POST OFFICE BOXES AND FOR POSTAGE AND POSTAGE TAPE FOR POSTAGE MACHINES OF THE COUNTY AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ANY OTHER ACTION FOR OPERATION OF POSTAL SERVICE FOR MONTH OF

FEBRUARY 2020. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (27)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR DAVID BURFORD, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL FIRE COORDINATORS MEETING, FEBRUARY 14, 2020 IN HOLCOMB, MS, ESTIMATED COST OF \$35.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (28)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR EIGHT (8) WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTTIES TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS) TRAINING FEBRUARY 3-4, 2020 IN CLEVELAND, MS , ESTIMATED COST OF \$880.00 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (29)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR SHIKARIA DAVIS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TO ATTEND THE PAYROLL LAW SEMINAR TRAINING FEBRUARY 10-11, 2020 IN HOLCOMB, MS , ESTIMATED COST OF \$472.79 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (30)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 2 TO FORDICE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,628.75 FOR ERBR-76(02)-SMYLIE ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (31)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 2 TO FORDICE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,441.80 FOR ERBR-76(05)-PETE'S DUMP ROAD MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (32)

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 4 TO GARY VAUGHN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,856.43 FOR PRODUCERS ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (33)

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AND GROUNDS BY CAMP LOOKING GLASS AUGUST 8, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (34)

CLERK OF THE BOARD, MARILYN HANSELL PRESENTED HER BI-WEEKLY REPORT

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING BONDS FOR SUPERINTENDENT JESSIE KING, SUSIE B. WILLIAMS, TIFFANY MURRELL, TONICHETT KENNEDYBRANDON K. TAYLOR, JOE ANN WILLIAMS, EVELYN MURRAY, NEHRU KAWAME BROWNJOHNNIE L. VICK MAURICE D. JOHNSON, KERMIT W. MCADORY & CHARLES PATTERSON MOTION BY SUPERVISOR AMOS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (35)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE WESTERN LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION WEEK FEBRUARY 10-14, 2020 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (36)

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN HIGHWAY 61 RESOLUTION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (37)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SIGN LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT OTHER CLASSIFICATION LEASE AGREEMENT 16TH SECTION PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUST LAND BETWEEN THE LELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION AND MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (38)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN CORRECTION/DELETION OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION OF DONNA SUMRALL JONES, WINFRED JAMES SMITH *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (39)*

PERCY MILES, WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

IN RE: ORDER ALLOWING TRAVEL FOR ONE (1) SHERIFF'S DEPUTY TO ATTEND 911 AND EMD INSTRUCTOR TRAINING IN PHILADELPHIA, MS FEBRUARY 23-26, 2020 AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,343.00 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, ALL VOTED AYE. (40)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A UNIVERSAL DASHBOARD MOUNT AT A COST OF \$15.00 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (41)*

IN RE: ORDER EMPLOYING HAYES DENT AS STRATEGIST/LOBBYIST FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AT A SALARY OF \$50,000 PER YEAR *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND ALL VOTED AYE, EXCEPT SUPERVISORS MCGEE AND GORDON (42)*

IN RE: ORDER APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITOR BUREAU: CAMILLE COLLINS-DISTRICT 1; CHONTINA SMITH-DISTRICT 3; NANCY KING-DISTRICT 4 TODD MCGEE-DISTRICT 5 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, ALL VOTED AYE. (43)*

IN RE: ORDER APPOINTING JUILET THOMAS TO THE MS DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (44)*

IN RE: ORDER GOING INTO CLOSED DETERMINATION TO CONSIDER GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (45)*

IN RE: ORDER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING THE HIRING OF DEPARTMENT HEADS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (46)*

IN RE: ORDER TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE (47)*

IN RE: ORDER DIRECTING THE COUNTY ENGINEERS TO SUBMIT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR SOLAR PANELS AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AND SUBMIT REPORT TO THE BOARD *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR REDMOND, ALL VOTED AYE. (48)*

IN RE: ORDER ACCEPTING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (49)*

IN RE: ORDER AUTHORIZING COPYING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INTO THE MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BENSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (50)*

IN RE: ORDER RECESSING MEETING UNTIL FEBRUARY 18, 2020 *MOTION BY SUPERVISOR BROOKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR GORDON, ALL VOTED AYE. (51)*

ATTEST:
MARILYN HANSELL, CLERK

CARL MCGEE, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY